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## Where Two or More are Gathered

**W**hat does community mean to you? Does it conjure up images for you of your church, neighborhood, school or workplace? Soldiers do we reach the ideal state of living and working together in blissful harmony; hearing one another's burdens, celebrating and mourning as a people united, but yet we're to keep working toward it.

It is interesting to note that the Bible never mentions the actual word "community" (according to Strong's comprehensive Concordance) yet is full

of examples of its importance. A most significant community was comprised of Jesus and His 12 disciples. They lived and worked together, encouraging others to join them.

To Christians, the call to build community means to reach out to those in our own neighborhoods, including the homes, elderly and new immigrants. Christians are charged to be missionaries—whether in domestic urban cities or foreign lands—and to be a part of society. This is the example of Christ. OBC/OTS strives to be a community, growing in depth and meaning while training people in servant leadership.

"I want people to see the school as more than just a place for academic training," said OTS student council president-elect Gladys Chan. "In order to really be equipped for ministry, it's important for us to live effectively in community wherever we are."

However, the problem of individualism is prevalent in today's predominant Western thought. The individual is prioritized. The individual is pro-



Community celebration. Grad '97, Susan and Jennifer Campbell (1 year) celebrate Randy's M.Div degree in counselling.

**INSIDE**

## Doctoral Program Coming to OTS

Fallier Theological Seminary recently announced its plan to offer Doctor of Ministry courses at OTS in 1998.

"It was our intention to offer classes leading to the D.Min. degree for several years," said W. Ward Gase, academic dean of OTS. "Now, this dream is being realized."

D.Min. degrees are the equivalent of one year of full-time advanced study but are normally spread over three to seven years. Students participate in intense two-week seminars, then complete a thesis or project. The admissions requirements for the program are a Master of Divinity degree or its equivalent (with a 3.0 grade point average), one year of Greek or Hebrew language study and a minimum of three years post-M.Div. service experience.

"The Doctor of Ministry program is one of our school's most important offerings," said Fuller president Richard J. Mow. "It brings renewal to the personal life of the pastor through refreshment in a broad range of ministry skills and concerns that are vital in today's world."

Fuller Theological Seminary, located in Pasadena, California, is widely recognized for its outstanding leadership in the Doctor of Ministry program. Established in 1971, it is the largest accredited program of its kind in North America. Prospective students should call ext. 6757 for further information.

## Koinonia Means Community

noted in contemporary philosophy. In their book, *New Testament Spirituality: True Discipleship and Spiritual Maturity*, Michael Green and R. Paul Stevens refute this practice:

"We in the West know very little of sharing our lives in deep and costly fellowship," they wrote. "Our consumerism infects our religion. We even pick and choose our place of worship; there is often no lasting commitment to it. We know little of having our hearts deeply knit to others, not only because of our hedonism but also because of our independence."

"A community atmosphere unites us as believers," said Dale Watson, OBC student council president-elect. "All of us have different experiences that we can share and the One we have in common is Christ."

It is through these times of sharing that OBC/OTS can build a stronger community. This will sustain, educate and equip the next generation of disciples who go out from this place to do likewise.


 Student reflections by Michelle Kim, who graduated from OBC with her B.R.E. in youth ministries.

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## OBC Expanding University Options

By John Wilkinson, VP academic dean, OBC

Receiving university transfer credit for OBC courses has been possible for about 30 years now. Many students have taken advantage of this opportunity in the past but it wasn't until this year that the options and number of transfer credits have increased. An agreement with Roberts Wesleyan College in Rochester, New York, is now in place. This allows students with their OACs to take two years of studies at OBC and complete a Bachelor of Art (B.A.) degree with an additional year at Roberts Wesleyan.

University of Waterloo will grant our students up to 20 term courses from OBC (two years of credit) toward a B.A. and Redeemer College is prepared to increase our credit transfer up to two and a half years toward a B.A. as well. We are presently going through the final steps of an articulation process.

The next three years will see even greater efforts to seek increased recognition from public universities, not only to gain excellent transfer credit for our students but also to establish closer working relationships based on program recognition. Retooling the college this year resulted in a number of very significant educational changes. A key one is an increase in transfer credits from universities, which will allow students to pursue a university degree in a great environment—the OBC community. This Christian foundation gives the opportunity to study hard and to think critically about a broad range of subjects. As students cultivate the inner life, they will learn what it means to love God with their heart, mind and soul, and one's neighbor as oneself.



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## SOUNDS OF JOY

The OBCOTS music team *Sounds of Joy* toured the east coast during the month of May. They visited churches in cities such as Halifax and St. John.

## 1997 BERNARDO LECTURES

The second annual OBCOTS's leadership lecture series will take place on campus



October 16-17 Don Page, trainer of new presidents and academic deans for the Coalition for Christian Colleges and Universities, is guest speaker. The series is sponsored by the estate of Samuel

## You're Invited!

Friends and supporters of OBCOTS are invited to a reception in honor of Alvin Fernando, director of Youth For Christ in Sri Lanka and International Missions, speaker on Monday, June 16th, from 5-9 p.m.

Following a barbecue dinner and informal fellowship in the campus quad, Fernando will speak on the strategic importance of theological education for the church today. The evening is jointly sponsored by OBCOTS and Overseas Council for the Support of Theological Education (Canada).

For reservations, call Alan or Janet Grills at ext. 6720.

Fernando also teaching "The Uniqueness of Jesus Christ" during the summer semester June 16-20.

Call the admissions office at ext. 6720 for more information.

## What Does COMMUNITY Mean to You?

We as individuals and as churches are called to worship God and serve others in the context of community. The message of love the Gospel has for each human being is well presented in practical ways of caring and sharing with our neighbors. Please let us know what your church or organization is doing to nurture a sense of community in your neighborhood.

Write us today and share your challenges and ideas. We will publish a selection of responses that may be helpful to others in the broader Connection community.

# Is the Evangelical Church a Genuine Community?

By Rod Wilson, OBCOTS's adjunct faculty

**W**HEN the disciple Peter talks about conversion in his first epistle, he makes an interesting statement about the difference between Christians and non-Christians. "Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God" (1 Peter 2:10). For Peter, a profound communal change occurs when we come to a personal relationship with Christ. We are no longer solitary individuals but "living stones, being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood" (1 Peter 2:5).

This theological reality lies in the face of western messages about autonomy, individualism and privatization where "standing on your own two feet" is a sign of maturity and strength. A communal view of conversion goes against a psychological climate that stresses intrapersonal and personal needs, and makes health a phenomena that relates more to what is going on inside rather than what is happening between people. Furthermore, Peter's perspective on conversion is in stark contrast to the personal and devotional emphasis of much of evangelicism, where communal connection and responsibility are less important than "Jesus and me."

Classic social theory views health as a function of our relationship with each other. We are at our best when we belong. We are most mature when we are in relationship. Within this framework, help and healing become the responsibility of the whole community, not the powerful few. The African proverb—"I am because you are; if you are not, I cannot be"—expresses it well.

If the evangelical church wants to see itself as a genuine community, there would not just be concern for individual needs, but rather, for the common good. There would not just be an emphasis on addressing individual problems, but helping the community function as a body. Evangelicism would not just result with the individual member but would be a by-product of a church that knew how to worship corporately. The cure of souls would not be seen solely as the mandate of the trained professional, but the outcome of a community of faith that has a deep understanding of the nature of love and mercy. The church, then, would not become a phony fellowship that seeks to keep pain out, but one that embraces suffering and acknowledges it as an essential aspect of living in community.

To practice genuine community is to bring pleasure to God who wants a people for Himself. If the evangelical church wants to see itself as a genuine community, there would not just be concern for individual needs, but rather, for the common good. There would not just be an emphasis on addressing individual problems, but helping the community function as a body. Evangelicism would not just result with the individual member but would be a by-product of a church that knew how to worship corporately. The cure of souls would not be seen solely as the mandate of the trained professional, but the outcome of a community of faith that has a deep understanding of the nature of love and mercy. The church, then, would not become a phony fellowship that seeks to keep pain out, but one that embraces suffering and acknowledges it as an essential aspect of living in community.

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## CAMPUS OPEN HOUSE

The school will host two Encounter Days on campus June 30 and July 28. These sessions are designed to familiarize potential students and others with the programs of OBCOTS. Each day, two orientations are held—one at 10:30 a.m. and the other at 4:45 p.m. For more information, please call enrollment services at ext. 6757.

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need" (Acts 2:44-45).

Members of the first Christian church also met together daily at first (Acts 2:46), to remember the Lord's death and resurrection that riveted their attention on the event that had made them one. And they also gave themselves to "the prayers—not just prayer in general (the Greek has a definite article)—but the set prayers they inherited from the synagogue. These included the Psalms of the Old Testament, the Jewish psalms and the set times for daily prayer.

" Fellowship" today often becomes a term implying mainly social interaction, often accompanied by the partaking of food. But for the earliest Christians, it had a far deeper meaning—it reminded them of the new life that they shared in together as a result of Jesus' death, burial and resurrection for their salvation. And their experience of salvation was more than simply an individual and personal experience. It was a communal one. This placed them in a new community of faith, linking them with all others who had similarly bowed their knees to Jesus as Lord, with whom they met regularly to worship and to pray. Their lives were now eternally linked with all those of similar faith, and the recognition of this fact had profound consequences for their daily lives.



Clive Calver, national director of Evangelical Alliance in the U.K., receives an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree at this year's graduation.

Calver's message entitled "What Kind of God do We Serve?" emphasized four points: God is the God of second chances, God demands your love, God will change your life if you allow Him, and God will open your eyes to see Him.

There's still time to register for fall 97!

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# Ravi Zacharias...A Man of Absolute Truths

World renowned evangelist Ravi Zacharias discusses life and literature with Connection.

By Laurie Chang



The Toronto Maple Leafs have one loyal fan in Ravi Zacharias.

"They are my favorite hockey team," says the international Christian apologist and OBC grad who now lives in Atlanta, Georgia. "I always look up the NHL scores in the paper to keep up with how the Leafs are doing. I'm still hoping to see them win another Stanley Cup."

Their last Cup victory in 1987, during Zacharias' first hockey season in Toronto, Zacharias has also changed. Shortly after studying for a business degree in India—where he was born in Madras and raised in New Delhi—he moved to Toronto with his family. Zacharias initially embarked on a business career in the hotel industry but it wasn't long until he sensed a different path.

"I was speaking and giving tests months during that time—I had been a Christian for three years then. I left God leading me elsewhere because I realized I couldn't be content in a field where I just provided physical comfort. I wanted to meet spiritual needs." A year later, Zacharias began his ministerial journey at OBC.

While at the college in 1971, a turning point occurred. Upon the encouragement of a missionary couple, Zacharias spent three months in war-torn Vietnam and Cambodia in between his junior and senior years at OBC. There, he attended to hurting souls.

"This experience confirmed my calling to evangelize," says Zacharias. "Seeing Vietnam and Cambodia oppressed by ideology and torn by political theory, and witnessing the overall corruption of the human heart challenged me."

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and Contemporary Thought at Alliance Theological Seminary in Nyack, New York. Three years later, evangelist Billy Graham invited Zacharias to be a plenary speaker at the International Conference for Interfaith Evangelists in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Zacharias was not only addressed 4,000 ministers, but he was once again exposed to the darkness of the human condition.

We took a boat ride through a canal and saw the city's red-light district from above. The horror was right before our eyes."

Once more, Zacharias knew God was leading his life in another definite direction. In 1984, he founded Ravi Zacharias International Ministries (RZIM) in Atlanta to reach the thinker for Christ and to train Christians to critical thinking and apologetics. Today, 18 full-time staff work at this location. There are also two other offices: one in Mississauga, Ontario and one in India.

Over the years, Zacharias has traveled the globe defending the Christian faith to the most skeptical and hostile

in only one other reason why this city means so much to them:

"Toronto has a special place in my heart because my call was shaped here. It is also where I met Marge and where our children were born." Daughters Sarah and Naomi are now away at university (Sarah graduates this year and son Nathan is in high school).

In 1973, Zacharias enrolled at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School for Master of Divinity studies and graduated *summa cum laude* with highest distinction three years later. He then spent a semester at Cambridge University in England as a visiting scholar, where he pursued philosophy and literature under renowned thinkers, including philosopher Doro Cogit. Zacharias' first book, *A Shattered Visage: The Real Face of Athetism*, published in 1980, was based on his studies overseas.

"While at Cambridge, I wanted to examine topics such as atheism and to ask questions. The philosophical assumptions behind numerous secular world views are intense, but the Christian can be equal to the task and is able to counter their illogic," he says.

After that time abroad, Zacharias spent a few years in evangelical ministry. In 1980, he became chair of Evangelism and Cambodian in between his junior and senior years at OBC. There, he attended to hurting souls.

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says Zacharias. "They are great privileges to be a part of and I'm grateful for the opportunities to serve."

His second book, *Can Man Live Without God*, received the 1995 Gold Medalion for best Doctrine and Theology book. Zacharias' latest work, *Deliver Us From Evil: Restoring the Soul in a Disintegrating Culture*, published in October 1996, became an instant best seller. His weekly radio show, *Let My People Think*, is broadcast on 250 stations across the U.S. Zacharias, a distinguished lecturer with the Study's foundation, was also conferred with two honorary degrees: a Doctor of Divinity from Loughborough College and a Doctor of Laws from Ashbury College. Because Zacharias thrives on learning, it is not surprising that one of his passions is literature. English poet Francis Thompson is among his favorite literary composers. Zacharias believes various written works teach many lessons about life.

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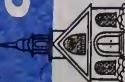
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mines. His apologetics, which often appeal to absolute truths, and the law of non-contradiction, draw capacity crowds around the world. Local settings include Ivy League universities such as Princeton and Harvard. (In fact, the latter school is an RZIM's training lab for future speakers.) Collectively, Zacharias' passports are decorated with stamps from the over 50 countries he has spoken to, including South Africa and Russia.

"I love cross cultural experiences."

## CHURCH'S CORNER

### CELEBRATING PENTECOST



By Paul Friesch, OBC professor of history

When Christians today observe Pentecost, they are remembering the last supper of Mandy.

Thursday, the crucifixion of Good Friday, Christ resting in His tomb on Holy Saturday, and the resurrection of Easter Sunday; they are remembering well-recorded events in the life of Jesus and His first disciples as described in the second book of Acts. Not surprisingly,

the church through the activity of the Spirit Pentecostals and Charismatics have helped the church recover a vivid awareness of the Holy Spirit this century. But we must also thank generations of Christians of various beliefs and denominations for passing down to us a fervent belief in the activities of the Spirit in baptism, communion, Scripture reading, preaching, prayer and the conscience.

There are many ways to celebrate this festive occasion, which include reading and studying Acts 2 on Pentecost Sunday, remembrance the Spirit's presence in baptism and communion, and the creation of special prayers.

One effective piece of drama often used involves representatives of all the lan-

guage groups in a church reading the same passage of Acts simultaneously,

and to give thanks that God's Spirit is for all people, and that the Spirit has knit us into one body. Whatever we do,

let's not forget to celebrate Pentecost!

Dear friends,  
A current buzz word is community, which is used to describe everything from a neighborhood to a fitness center.

A gold mine of writing exists in the world. The great novelists, philosophers and poets have richly shaped our culture. There is a host of knowledge to be learned."

Ran Zacharias...a man of great composition, articulate expressions and absolute truths.  
Laurie Chong is editorial assistant of Connection.

Sincerely,

Brian C. Stiller  
President, OBC/OIC

P.S. We're excited about the recent announcement that Roberts Wesleyan College (Rochester, NY) has joined the growing number of major Canadian universities now granting excellent transfer credits for OBC programs. Please pass the enclosed brochure on to a friend.

# Putting Up a Parking Lot

By Larry Willard, VP Development

No one imagined that the Lord would work His plan in this manner. But we should have known. His specialty is "doing the impossible with the unlikely."

By the time you read this article, transformation on our parking lot will be begun. Halftime! Years of dreaming, praying, talking, planning and suffering through endless delays have come down to this moment. The college quadrigate is getting paved. Of course, before it gets better, it will look far worse. Trucks, bulldozers, tractors and paving machines will demolish them reconstruct the lot over the next few weeks. Yet I haven't met anyone who isn't thrilled to put up with six to eight weeks of additional inconvenience for the chance to finally wear regular shoes when crossing our parking lot on a rainy day. But, as with all stories, there is both good and bad news. First, let me share with you more of the good.

Thank you to all the alumni board members, staff, faculty, students, and partners who have responded so generously to our fast request for support.

The numbers are amazing. Board members have teamed together and raised nearly \$30,000 in pledges. The secretary of the class of '37 has challenged her fellow grads to celebrate their 60 year anniversary by each giving at least \$60 to the project. To date, we have heard from half the class. Staff and faculty on their third and fourth sets of shocks and springs are responding generously. The city's politicians are happy that we will meet our original planning commitment and they can cease their threat of law suits. Local residents are relieved that the summer dust storms will end. Construction companies sent their experts in free of charge to give us professional advice. One major donor to the school gave us an interest free loan for \$20,000 to help us get the project going. Truly, no event has galvanized our community as much since "Operation Restore." To those who sent so many good suggestions, we are thankful for the time you took to provide counsel.

Of course, we have tried a number

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miracle. Possibly, you can afford to help pave one square meter of the lot for about \$70. Or, you or your church may want to help pave one parking spot for about \$1,000.

A donation of \$1,000 will allow a student to park free for a year plus you receive a charitable donation receipt. If you are someone who wants to sponsor the student's year-long parking, designate it to that person and keep the donation receipt. We will offer the same arrangement to staff and faculty members.

On issues like abortion and gay rights, militant secular group march together in support of each other's causes. Surely, the Christian can do no less...to stand and work together to support causes that further the work of ministry. Paving the parking lot, under duress and at such horrendous cost, is a cause that we would just as soon not be focused on at this time. But, the city leaves no option.

If you are able to help, give me a call at ext. 2707, or drop me a line at the school. Come on fellow grads of '95 (my alma mater). Let's help put up a parking lot!

## ATTENTION ALUMNI!

There is a great opportunity for you to help prospective OBC students win a financial scholarship! The school is always looking for eager people to enroll. Complete the certificate below and mail it to us. If admissions criteria are met, he/she will be eligible for a scholarship worth \$2,000 over three years (\$750 the 1st year, \$1,000 the 2nd year and \$1,250 the 3rd year). Please note the following stipulations.

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Alumni signature and year of graduation.

## GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN!

All 70s to 90s alumni are invited to the OBC/OTS family picnic on Saturday, June 14, from 11:30 a.m. -4:00 p.m.

## "DARE TO COMPARE"—OBC CLASS OF '87!

Our 10 year reunion is just around the proverbial corner... Saturday, October 18, complete with slide show and Flikkelan (Zul Candelario where are ya?). Mark the date on your calendar, plan on a great time and bring memorabilia including your "easy-fit" class sweatshirt. Contact Steve Wilson at ext. 2190 or at (905) 737-8896 for more information.

Your LBI, TBC, OBC, OTS memories are important to us!

The OBC/OTS archives always welcome your memorabilia to its collection. Your appreciated donations can include items such as scrapbooks, photos, slides, books and school publications. If you do not wish to part with your favorites just yet, please consider bequeathing your memorabilia to the school. Thank you for your consideration.

## Attention crafters

We are hosting a craft show and sale at the Fall Country Fair on October 18 and would like to include a broad range of craft items at various prices. If you want to participate, we are requesting a sample or photograph of your items by September 15. Upon your acceptance by the craft committee, a \$25 per table fee applies. Mail your sample marked "Crafts" to the alumni office. Samples will be returned on the day of the fair.

Face (with dolls quilts knitting country crafts woodwork knitting baby clothes)



From left to right: Lori Petruzzel, president of Empire Paving; Larry Willard, VP Development; Winston Lang, TP Finance; David Shiner, North York city councillor; Geoff Morey, board member; Brian Soller, president OBC/OTS; Jürgen Pawlowski, Proctor and Redfern Consultants and John Petrucci, Empire Paving.

# Alumni Keeping in Touch

## B THE COLLEGE

### ►THE TWENTIES

Vera Tyler class secretary of '37 continues to keep her colleagues and the alumni office informed with various news items.

### ►THE THIRTIES

The class of '47 met on May 3rd for their Golden Miller luncheon, then joined the throngs gathered for this year's graduation, where they were recognized during the ceremony. Praise God for their 50 years of service to Him since graduation!

### ►THE FORTIES

The class of '52 celebrate their graduation 45 years ago! Congratulations! They are raising funds to purchase resource books for the library. Max and Sinikka Doherty (Suomala) '57 rejoice that the Lord has used *The Light of Life: Emmaus Bible Studies in Spanish* so completely last year that 105 people accepted Christ. Over 6,000 studies were sent out and 77% came back with the homework satisfactorily completed.

### ►THE FIFTIES

John Harder ('57) wrote of his recent trip to Cuba with Gospel Missionary Union and mentioned the overwhelming poverty, the believers hunger for the Word and how they value visits from other Christians.

### ►THE SIXTIES

Shirley Funnell ('60) is back in Ontario until June. Pray for a 're-creative' rest. John ('61) and Nancy ('62) Pometnoy are settling into Chingola, Zambia with AEF. John is teaching a lay leadership course and Nancy keeps busy with hospitality, correspondence and housework.

### ►THE SEVENTIES

Pay with Neil ('63) and Carolyn Rempel ('64), serving with Max and Priscilla Simpson ('65) are back in Barranquilla, Colombia where they ask for our prayers for several families who are under demonic attack. They are presently ministering to them.

### ►THE EIGHTIES

Heather Forsyth ('83) praises God for the young girls who made decisions for Christ at the school where she teaches in Ludwar, Kenya. She asks our prayers for the building project, her health and the men in the area.

### ►THE NINETIES

Doris Perron ('84) and Nicolai Grigorian were married on December 13, 1996.

### ►THE TWENTIES

Kathy and Mike Stethorn ('89) finished their French-language training

Greater Europe Mission that God will bring peace to Albania.

Leslie Greer ('65) is still working as a substitute teacher and pastoring Southampton Baptist Church, near Fredericton, NB.

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Angela Morris ('66) wrote that the Lord is blessing the ministry in Limassol, Cyprus. She works at tentmaking while reaching Muslims for Christ, and reported that several Persians were baptized recently and are willing to return to Iran and die, if necessary, for the Gospel.

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After pastoring for eight years in Winnipeg, Doug Deller ('78) has accepted the position of mid-west divisional director for InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. Pray with Doug and Carolin (Hogenbirk, '73) for the Lord's leading to fill several staff positions.

### ►THE EIGHTIES

Pray for spiritual and physical blessing for David ('81) and Susan Frost, working at the WEC International headquarters in Hamilton, as they walk candidates through the application process and manage various duties.

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and are now making plans for traveling to Burkino Faso as translators for Wycliffe. Their plans hinge on whether they raise their financial support in time. Please pray for the Scrubsons, thanking God for their willingness to serve Him.

Victor ('89) and Joyce Lee rejoice in the birth of their first child, Hannah Nicole, in February. Victor is a pastor at Toronto Chinese Community Church.

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Bruce and Priscilla Simpson ('65) are back in Barranquilla, Colombia where they ask for our prayers for several families who are under demonic attack. They are presently ministering to them.

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On June 1, 1996, Peter Bush ('88) began his new ministry at Knox Presbyterian Church in Mitchell, ON and in November that year, Deborah (Sutherland) '88 gave birth to their first child, Nathan Peter Sutherland Bush.

Pray with Ruben ('88) and Bev Ramírez ('89), church planting in Armenia, Colombia as they disciple their young but growing congregation through multiple spiritual attacks.

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## MEMORIALS

### ►SHARON BEERS KWONG

Sharon Beers Kwong ('75), June 18, 1996.

### ►LAURENCE LEONARD

Laurence Leonard ('42), September 24, 1996.

### ►THOMAS MAXWELL

Thomas Maxwell, former professor of theology at TBC, January 30, 1997.

### ►BRUCE BARRETT

Bruce Barrett (OTS '95), April 10, 1997.

### ►CAROLYN AND DOUG BROWN

Carolyn and Doug Brown ('88) report from Sydney, NS that the rebel move-

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A small quantity of the gold frames with green (OBC) or blue (OTS) matte are still available. The diploma frame is \$35. We will sell them until they are gone . . . they will be more expensive next year and potentially the name of the school will be different . . . so this is your last chance! Call us at ext. 6789 for more information.

# Lifelong Service

In 1961, Arthur King found love twice at Ferndale Baptist Church. In one instance it was with his friend Pamela, whom he married three years later. The other was with Jesus, who called him to the ministry shortly after their first meeting.

"Believe it or not, I was a pretty shy person until I became a Christian, revealed the talkative father of three. "Since then, I've had many opportunities to develop my communication skills through preaching."

King was born in Jersey, Channel Islands, in the United Kingdom. At the age of 18, he immigrated to Canada after spending eight years working in the farm industry. Shortly after he began attending Fendale in Scarborough (Pamela invited him to his first service there), King received his preaching license. Since then, he has worked at various jobs, ranging from driving a truck to pastoring a church. Regardless of what King did, he always managed to find ways to serve. While in the trucking industry, for example, he was involved with a ministry called "Transport for Christ." King was also a volunteer chaplain at various prisons across the province from 1979-1993.

Enrolling at OBC was a turning point in his life. In

1986, the ordination council at the Evangelical Church Alliance asked him about future ministry plans.

"I thought to myself, 'What was I going to do? Almost immediately it came to me—I wanted to attend Bible college. My physical limitation (the loss of

sight of his right eye in 1964 and by 1985, 99% of the vision in my left eye was gone—both due to detached retinas) allowed me to only take a couple of classes at a time. But, by the grace of God, I completed all of the required courses for the B.Th. program."

Those 11 years at the school were very fulfilling, said King, who credits the school community for helping him get through.

"Many faculty members became

key people in my life. They were



## LANGUAGE SKILLS PROGRAM EXPANDING TO OTS

The language and literacy program available to all incoming OBC students completed its first year with great success. Students needing assistance with writing skills were placed in small group tutorials with professional tutors in the Language and Literacy Center.

"I was pleased with the consistency and commitment of both the tutors and the students," said program director Elizabeth Davis. Although participants in the classes only required to take them for a year, several students have requested to continue studying English here while they are enrolled at the college.

The program is expanding to include the seminar this fall term. Testing and tutoring will be provided for students of both institutions who need help in gaining competency in English language and writing skills. While ESL difficulties are addressed, the tutoring sessions are primarily designed to help students with college and seminar writing.

Formal writing workshops will also be offered to all students. For further information, call ext. 6713.



### At the Perc...

**M**any paintings of Christian artist Marilyn Pike reflect her love of Victorian architecture, old country gardens and her "need" to create beauty with her colors. Her frustration at having a tiny backyard led to her profusion of watercolor landscapes. Pike's work is on display at the campus coffee shop.

## PREPARING COMMON PEOPLE

### ONTARIO BIBLE COLLEGE, FALL 1997

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
8:30 - 11:30	CHE0108 CHURCH IN THE WORLD (RUSSELL) C251	CHE0106 GROUP DYNAMICS (KAUFELD) C251	BIBL0101 UNDERSTANDING THE OLD TESTAMENT (HIEBERT) CHAPEL	HIST0104 HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY (FEIFEREN) Section 2 C251
	BIBL0105 EPHEMIA/COLOSSIANS (FENNER) C22	HIST0211 ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS (FRIESEN) C252	PAST0109 CHRISTIAN LIFE & DISCIPLESHIP (THOMSON) C251	THEO0325 APOLOGETICS (DAVEY) C252
	PAST0161 COUNSELLING SKILLS (STEVENS) C253	CHE0112 FOUNDATIONS OF TEACHING (POSTERSKI) C253	BIBL0215 JOHANNINE LITERATURE (WYPER) C252	LTR0222 RELIGIOUS THEMES IN LITERATURE II (DAVEY) C253
	CHE0130 EDUCATIONAL HISTORY & PHILOSOPHY (TBA) C254	PHIL0105 WESTERN THOUGHT AND CULTURE (FRANKLIN) Section 1 C254	INTC0313 YOUTH MINISTRY (WILKINSON) C233	INTC0201 CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY (SCOTT) C254
		PHIL0611 HEBREW GRAMMAR (KESSLER) 080-11:30 OTS 2201	YOUT0216 YOUTH MINISTRY (WILKINSON) C233	CHE0022 CHILDREN'S LITERATURE (POSTERSKI) REGITAL HALL
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1:30 - 4:30	BIBL0209 BIBLICAL HERMENEUTICS (WYPER) C251	THEO0321 THEOLOGY OF PAUL (PENNE) C251	THEO0221 THEOLOGICAL STUDIES I (DAVEY) CHAPEL	FIELD EDUCATION: FIRST YEAR GROUPS
	BIBL0316 THE LITERATURE OF AN EXPECTANT PEOPLE (HIEBERT) C252	BIBL0203 HOSEA (WYPER) C252	HIST0104 HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY (FEIFEREN) Section 1 C251	BIBL0303 GENESIS (HIEBERT) C252
	INTC0320 CONTEMPORARY RELIGIOUS MOVEMENTS (TBA) C253	PHIL0444 GOD AND MODERN THOUGHT (FRANKLIN) C253	SOSC032 WOMEN & MEN (DAVEY) C252	LTR0121 INTRODUCTION TO ENGLISH LITERATURE (DAVEY) C253
	LANG0111 INTRO COLLEGE ESSAY WRITING (TBA) Section 1 C254	PAST0331 PREACHING I (RUSSELL) OTS 5103	CHE0200 SUPERVISED TEACHING (POSTERSKI) C253	CHE0032 MARRIAGE & THE FAMILY (MOSELEY) C254
	LANG0471 GREEK READING & SYNTAX (FOX) 05102	OLDT0711 OLD TESTAMENT EXEGESIS I (KESSLER) OTS 2201	OLDT0711 OLD TESTAMENT EXEGESIS I (KESSLER) OTS 2201	LANG0371 ELEMENTARY GREEK I (PENNER) OTS 5102
6:30 - 9:30	PHL0105 WESTERN THOUGHT & CULTURE (FRANKLIN) Section 1 C251	BIBL0313 CORINTHIAN LETTERS (DAVEY) C251	LANG0111 INTRO COLLEGE ESSAY WRITING (TBA) Section 2 C252	BIBL0103 UNDERSTANDING NEW TESTAMENT (THOMSON) CHAPEL
	SOSC0351 INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY (TBA) C252	LANG0111 INTRO COLLEGE ESSAY WRITING (TBA) Section 2 C252	TESL0100 FUNDAMENTALS OF TEACHING ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ODONNELL) C253	PAST0333 PASTORAL PROCEDURES (RUSSELL) C251
	CHE0023 ADOLESCENT & ADULT DEVELOPMENT (COLE) C253		CHE0022 LEADERSHIP & ADMINISTRATION (DENNISON) C254	LANG0371 ELEMENTARY GREEK I (PENNER) OTS 5102
	YOUT0208 PARACHURCH MINISTRY TO YOUTH (ROBERTSON) C254		CHE0200 THE ABUSED PERSON (MACKENZIE) C254 (October 8, 15, 22, 29)	

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# Management as Ministry



Recent OTS grad Pat McGee's enthusiasm for her studies is something to behold. "I sat at the edge of my chair during most of my classes," she said. "What professors taught was so fascinating and important that I wanted to absorb it all. I was impressed by the scholarship of instructors and their personal integrity."

McGee graduated with her M.T.S. degree earlier this month at the school's first joint graduation ceremony. After completing her B.Sc.N. (nursing) and M.B.A. degrees, both at the University of Windsor, she worked in various roles within the Ministry of Health of the province of Ontario. This included implementing specialty care programs, serving as a board member of the Multi-Organ Retrieval Exchange (MORE) and establishing two major branches within the institution Health Division.

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"Christianity has understood their

faith in the workplace," said McGee. "The ministry of lay people in the church and in the secular environment is so important yet it is often overlooked." She knows this first hand. McGee directed me toward seminary "Later that year," she enrolled at OTS, starting with the "Build Your Faith" courses offered every summer. In early 1995, McGee began volunteering at the school, taking on various administrative responsibilities. Her work background proved to be an asset to OBC/OTS, especially during the financial difficulty that year. Shortly after, McGee was invited to join the board of directors. In addition

to these roles, she also works on various recruitment projects including coordination of the recent Parish Nursing conference held on campus. McGee said that the school's ambience facilitated her enjoyment of classes and that it continues to be a positive work environment.

"I really appreciate the sense of community at school because many people participate in various activities. It is so important for students—

whether full or part time—to jump in and get involved."

McGee also serves as the chair of the missions and outreach board at her church, Markham Baptist, and was elected to the board of Canadian Baptist Ministries. She credits one of her favorite Bible verses for helping her juggle her myriad responsibilities. "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10) tells us that the Lord is in control. Through my life I learned this and it continues to keep it with me. It keeps me calm."

## The Language of Hope

After two successful academic years among OBC students, the Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) program will expand to the OTS level in September.

The one-year certificate requires 10 completed courses and two practicum credits. Martin O'Donnell, professor of TESL, said that the program is invaluable to students who plan to teach English anywhere in the world.

"This course gives graduates the opportunity to instruct ESL programs here or abroad," said O'Donnell. "Individuals who plan to leave Canada as missionaries are frequently asked to teach English. However, most speakers of the language does not necessarily qualify one to teach others—this is why formal training is so important."

O'Donnell herself has worked with the Peel Board of Education's ESL program for almost 10 years and is now manager of the training programs for their Center of Language Training and Assessment.

English is the language of hope to people in the poorer countries because they see learning it as the key to getting them out of poverty," said O'Donnell. "Also, it is important for people in the business sector to learn English. They may be financially self-sufficient and may never have seen the necessity of Christ in their lives. These people, who otherwise may not have contact with Christians, have the opportunity to learn about the faith through this teaching. Even if there is no direct witness, the Christian spirit is present."

## FOR UNCOMMON SERVICE

### ONTARIO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, FALL 1997

TIME:	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
8:30 - 11:30	CHIN 0609 EFFECTIVE MANDARIN FOR EVANGELISM (WU) \$101 PAST 0644 BUILDING THE CHURCH THROUGH SMALL GROUPS (SHERBINO) \$102	THEO 0621 CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE ADVANCED: THE HOLY SPIRIT (BEVERLEY) \$101 COUN 0676 THE THERAPEUTIC RELATIONSHIP (CUNNINGTON) \$102 PAST 0641 INTRODUCTION TO PREACHING (K. EDWARDS) Section 2 103 QLDT 0611 HEBREW GRAMMAR (KESSLER) 1000 - 11:30 \$201	THEO 0730 THEOLOGY OF RELIGIONS (PERRY) \$101 QLDT 0717 EXPOUNDING KEY CHAPTERS IN THE PROPHET'S (LEGGETT) \$102 THEO 0530 BASIC CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE (VISSERS) \$105	THEO 0620 THE SPIRIT OF METHODISM (SHEPHERD) \$102 COUN 0722 COUNSELLING FOUNDATIONS I (CUNNINGTON) \$105 QLDT 0611 HEBREW GRAMMAR (KESSLER) 1000 - 11:30 \$201
1:30 - 4:30	PAST 0544 THE CHURCH, PASTOR, AND LEADERSHIP (WILDEBER) \$101 NEWT 0523 EXEGEICAL METHOD I (FOX) \$102 PAST 0745 ADVANCED PREACHING (ANNAN) \$103 NEWT 0522 NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY & HISTORY (B. EDWARDS) Section 1 \$105 PENT 0501 IMPACT OF TWENTIETH CENTURY PENTECOSTALISM (JONSON) Section 1 \$106 OLDT 0610 THE LITERATURE OF AN EXPECTANT PEOPLE (HEBERT) OBC \$252	NEWT 0725 GOSPEL OF LUKE (CALVERT-KOZYNSKI) \$101 PAST 0541 THEOLOGY AND PRACTICE OF MINISTRY (SHERBINO) \$102 QLDT 0511 OLD TESTAMENT THEOLOGY & HISTORY (LEGGETT) \$105 COUN 0503 COUNSELLING SKILLS LAB (CUNNINGTON) \$106 OLDT 0711 OLD TESTAMENT EXEGESIS I (KESSLER) \$201	PAST 0645 EVANGELISM AND THE LOCAL CHURCH (MCLAVERTY) \$101 BIBL 0501 INTERPRETING AND APPLYING THE BIBLICAL TEXT (DUNN) \$102	THEO 0738 NEW RELIGIOUS MOVEMENTS (BEVERLEY) \$101 COUN 071 COUNSELLING INTERNSHIP (CUNNINGTON) \$102 PAST 0646 THE ART OF PUBLIC SPEAKING (formerly Christian Communication) (DALE) \$103 NEWT 0723 1 CORINTHIANS (CALVERT-KOZYNSKI) \$105 MISS 0685 CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY (WHITE) \$106 OLD 0516 THE MINOR PROPHETS (HEBREW TEXT) (KESSLER) \$201
6:30 - 9:30	COIN 0678 PSYCHOLOGY OF RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE (SLATER) \$102 PAST 0641 INTRODUCTION TO PREACHING (WONG) Section 1 \$103 QLDT 0614 SAIAH (LEGGETT) \$105 YMIN 0691 URBAN YOUTH MINISTRY (TOBIAS) \$106 YMIN 0698 CRITICAL YOUTH ISSUES (MACDONALD) TBA MTS MODULAR GROUP 1 \$201 MTS MODULAR GROUP 3 TBA	COIN 0674 PERSONALITY THEORIES (POON) \$101 CHIN 0603 EVANGELISM & CHURCH PLANTING IN THE CHINESE COMMUNITY (KAO) \$102 PAST 0542 FOUNDATIONS OF CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY (SHERBINO) \$105 NEWT 0320 BIBLICAL GREEK FOR NEW TESTAMENT STUDY (DUNN) \$106 TEST 0310 FUNDAMENTALS OF TEACHING ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (O'DONNELL) OBC \$253	MISS 0585 WORLD EVANGELISM (WHITE) \$101 NEWT 0222 PRISON EPISTLES (CALVERT-KOZYNSKI) \$102 THEO 0335 CHRISTIAN ETHICS (BEVERLEY) \$105	THEO 0631 CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE ADVANCED: THE TRINITY (PERRY) \$101 NEWT 0321 ELEMENTARY GREEK I (PENNICK) \$102 HIST 0561 HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY (GENTRY) \$105 CHIN 0501 CHRISTIANITY & CHINESE CULTURE (MAN) \$106 NEWT 0522 NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY & HISTORY (MATHESON @ CARTWELL BAPTIST CHURCH) Section 2

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## Faculty and Staff Notes

Victor Shepherd, OTS professor of Wesley studies, joins the 10th Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies in August for 10 days at Somerville College, Oxford University, England. There, he will present a paper entitled "An Examination of John Wesley's Understanding of Christian Perfection."

John Wilkinson, OBC academic dean and VP of strategic planning, received the alumni ministry effectiveness award at Briercrest School in Saskatchewan earlier this year.

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## Class of '47



## Distinguished Alumni of the Year

Miranda Lau, OTS chaplain, Etobicoke General Hospital



Alex Parachin, OBC president, Christian Broadcasting Associates, Inc.



In my years of reading and teaching literature, there is a novel that continues to haunt me—C.S. Lewis' *Till We Have Faces*. The author of the popular *Mere Christianity* and *Chronicles of Narnia*, Lewis considered this his finest work, and it may be the most revealing of his heart. Embedded in the strange retelling of the cupid-psyché myth is all the best of his thinking as a scholar and Christian and lay-apologist. He identifies the mystery we all struggle with: we are all to blame and not to blame for the 'now' of our lives. In this sense, the novel is a typically modern book. But there is also redemption and the awareness of God's loving pursuit of each of us which reveals Lewis' deep thought.

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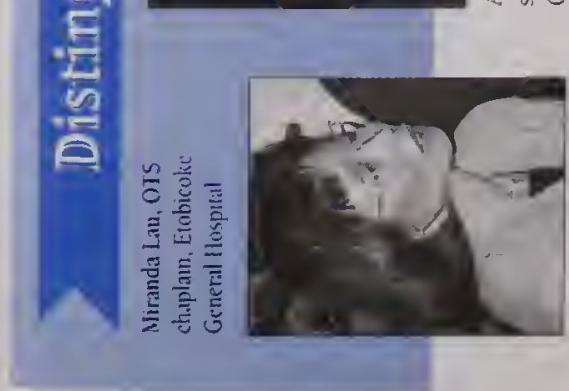
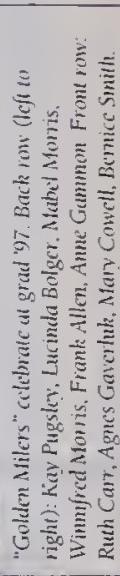
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## My Favorite Book

By Elizabeth Davey,  
OBC professor of literature

"Golden Mites" celebrate at grad '97. Back row (left to right): Kay Pugsley, Linda Bolger, Mabel Morris, Winifred Morris, Frank Allen, Anne Guinnon. Front row: Ruth Carr, Agnes Gavriluk, Mary Cowell, Bernice Smith.



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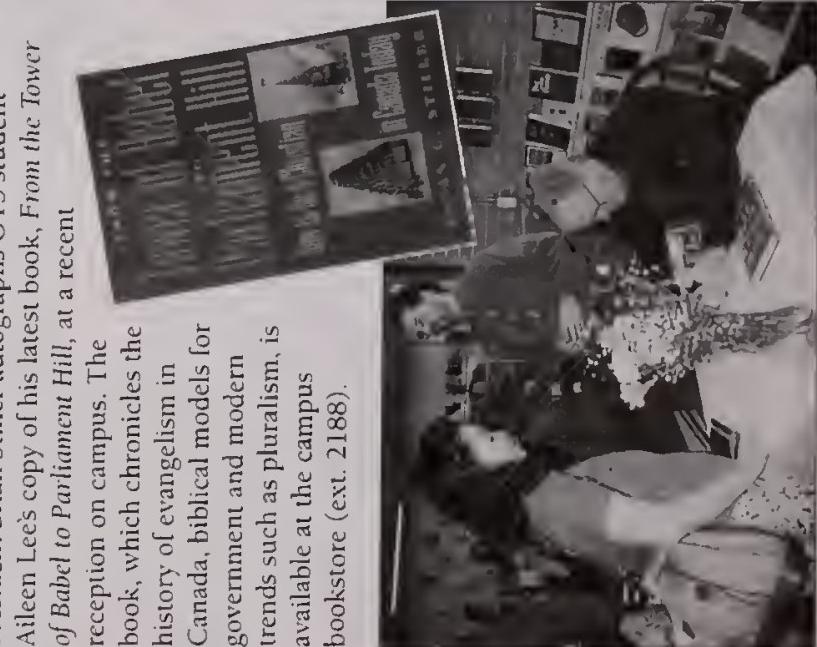
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President Brian Stiller autographs OTS student Aileen Lee's copy of his latest book, *From the Tower of Babel to Parliament Hill*, at a recent reception on campus. The book, which chronicles the history of evangelism in Canada, biblical models for government and modern trends such as pluralism, is available at the campus bookstore (ext. 2188).



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